

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/524,350) Group Art Unit: 3752
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For: **APPARATUS FOR REGULATING FLUID FLOW THROUGH A SPRAY
NOZZLE**

Commissioner for Patents
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in paragraph 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) because the present submission (i) is filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and (ii) each item of information contained in the present submission was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office (European Patent Office) in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the present submission. Of note, the Supplemental European Search Report is dated September 24, 2007. Based on closure of the U.S. Patent Office on December 24 and December 25, 2007, applicant respectfully submits that the three month period for submission hereof falls on December 26, 2007.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be a representation that a search has been conducted, nor shall it be construed as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Applicants have not submitted copies of each cited U.S. patent pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), amended October 2004, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has waived this requirement for all U.S. patent applications. Applicants submit herewith copies of foreign patents and/or non-patent publications (if applicable) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Applicant respectfully submits that no fee is due in connection with the present submission. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due in connection with consideration of the art submitted herewith, e.g., pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(p), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 503570.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks indicating consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,



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